

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FLOOD PROTECTION CORRIDOR PROGRAM

NOTICE OF INTENT TO INITIATE 2007 PROPOSAL SOLICITATION

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is soliciting grant applications for the Flood Protection Corridor Program (FPCP) 2007 competitive funding cycle beginning August 31, 2007. The deadline for proposals is November 2, 2007.

In addition to implementing primarily non-structural methods to achieve a significant reduction in flood risk or potential flood damages, projects must also include elements that provide for agricultural land preservation, wildlife habitat protection or enhancement, or both.

Who May Apply

Any local government agency or non-profit organization with an interest in flood protection and flood risk reduction issues is eligible to sponsor projects that seek to acquire, restore, enhance and protect real property for the purposes of flood water management and flood damage reduction together with agricultural land preservation and/or wildlife habitat conservation. Sponsoring agencies or organizations that meet the aforementioned criteria may partner with other types of agencies and organizations as necessary to ensure diverse funding sources and necessary expertise on the project team.

Funds Available

Up to \$24 million will be available for the 2007 funding cycle from Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 beginning at Section 75001 of the California Public Resources Code.

Grant Cap

The involvement of cost-sharing partners is strongly encouraged. A grant cap of \$5 million per project has been established for grants from the FPCP; however, total project costs can exceed \$5 million if the additional funds required come from another source. The purpose of the grant cap is to spread the available grant funds among the greatest number of qualified projects. Requests for funding greater than the established cap will be considered on a case-by-case basis for projects with exceptionally high flood risk reduction, wildlife, or agricultural conservation benefits. Higher amounts of non-State funding brought to the project by funding partners will translate to a higher score in the competitive evaluation.

Fundable Activities

- Non-structural flood risk reduction projects within flood corridors;
- Acquisition of real property fee title or easements in a floodplain;
- Setting back or removing existing flood control levees, or strengthening or modifying existing levees in conjunction with levee setbacks;
- Preserving or enhancing flood-compatible agricultural use of real property,
- Preserving or enhancing wildlife values of real property through permanent enforceable land use restrictions, title restrictions, and/or restoration of habitat compatible with seasonal flooding;
- Repairing breaches in flood control systems, water diversion facilities, or flood control facilities damaged by a project developed pursuant to Chapter 5, Article 2.5 of the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act of 2000 including new projects funded through Proposition 84;
- Establishing a trust fund for up to 20 percent of the money paid for acquisition or restoration for the purpose of earning interest to fund long-term maintenance of the acquired or restored lands; and/or
- Paying costs associated with administration of the projects.

Proposal Deadline

Submitted proposals must meet the minimum qualifications listed on pages 3 and 4 of the application form and the additional requirements described in the following paragraph. **Proposals must be submitted in hard copy with a valid signature from the project sponsor and in digital electronic format on a compact disc (CD) no later than Friday, November 2, 2007, by 3 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time).**

Proposals received after this date and time will not be accepted. Signed hard copies and CDs should be delivered to the address below:

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Visit the FloodSAFE California web site at www.floodsafe.water.ca.gov to download a copy of the application and instructions and Proposition 84 funding guidelines. Additional information about the FPCP, the types of projects that have been funded in the past, and answers to frequently asked questions are available on the FPCP web site at www.dfm.water.ca.gov/fpcp. There will also be a series of five regional workshops described on the following page. To fulfill requirements specified in the funding guidelines for this program, please make sure the anticipated flood risk reduction benefits described in the application are based on hydraulic and hydrologic analyses completed by a licensed engineer or hydrologist. If a complete hydraulic and hydrologic analysis is not available, a preliminary estimate of anticipated benefits is acceptable if it is prepared by a licensed engineer or hydrologist and if completing a more thorough analysis is included in the proposed scope of work to be undertaken early in project implementation if the grant funding for the project is approved. In addition to the requirements listed on pages 3 and 4, applications must include a completed California Environmental Quality Act initial study checklist, and if property rights acquisitions are proposed, the applications must include a letter from the seller indicating interest in selling the property rights at fair market value. For property rights acquisitions, easements are generally preferred, but fee title is acceptable if the seller is unwilling to sell an easement or if fee title acquisition is needed for project implementation.

Additional Information

For questions regarding the application, application process, the regional workshops, or other concerns, please contact:

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**Notice of Regional Pre-Submittal Workshops
in Red Bluff, Sacramento, Fresno, Los Angeles, and San Diego**

Five separate pre-submittal workshops will be held to provide opportunities for applicants to become familiar with application materials and to resolve questions that may arise during the application process. The October 2, 2007 Sacramento workshop will be webcast to allow Internet users to follow the proceedings at the following website: <http://www.floodsafe.water.ca.gov>. A recording of the Sacramento workshop webcast will be made available for on-demand viewing on the FPCP web site. Workshop times have been selected to allow for participation of the greatest number of prospective applicants while considering local traffic congestion patterns.

The following five workshops have been scheduled:

- Red Bluff:** Monday, October 1, 2007 from 1 to 3 p.m.
Red Bluff City Council Chambers
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080
- Sacramento:** Tuesday, October 2, 2007 from 1 to 3 p.m.
Resources Building Auditorium
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
- Fresno:** Wednesday, October 3, 2007 from 1 to 3 p.m.
San Joaquin District Office
Department of Water Resources
374 East Shields Avenue
Fresno, CA 93704
- Los Angeles:** Thursday, October 4, 2007 from 1 – 3 p.m.
Junipero-Serra Building, Carmel Room
320 West 4th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013
- San Diego:** Friday, October 5, 2007 from 1 to 3 p.m.
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court
San Diego, CA 92123

Where available, travel directions will be posted on the FPCP web site.

Questions for regional workshops may be submitted in writing or by e-mail during the week prior to the workshops. Questions will be answered at the workshop, and the questions and answers will be posted on the FPCP web site or mailed upon request. Participants planning to attend in person at any of the workshops or via webcast (Sacramento) are asked to register online at www.floodsafe.water.ca.gov. Although registration is not required for workshop participation, it will assist DWR to confirm adequate room size and number of handouts needed for the workshops, and maintain a mailing list of interested persons for future communications. For additional information about the workshops or to submit questions, please contact:

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